



**SANTA MONICA
MOUNTAINS**
A NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

Spirit of the Mountains PHOTO CONTEST 2013

*Share the wonders of
Santa Monica Mountains
National Recreation Area
with others. Enter the
Spirit of the Mountains
Photo Contest. Let your
photographic imagination
capture the essence of
this hidden jewel.*



Photo Contest & Exhibit for Amateur Photographers

For an entry form and instructions or questions, visit:

www.nps.gov/samo/photocontest.htm

or the **Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center** at
King Gillette Ranch located at 26876 Mulholland Hwy, Calabasas, CA

Submit your entries between **September 1 to September 30, 2013.**

All entries will be on exhibit at King Gillette Ranch from **October 19
through November 17, 2013.**

For more information: 805-370-2301



Interagency Visitor Center

26876 Mulholland Hwy
Calabasas, CA 91302

Kerry Perkins *Who Was More Surprised,*
2012 Best in Show Winner



Entry Requirements

Open to **amateur** photographers only.

Digital or film prints are acceptable.

Entries accepted **September 1 - September 30, 2013.**

Submit only photos of the **Santa Monica Mountains Zone**

For a map of the Zone: www.nps.gov/samo/photocontest.htm

Categories

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| 1. Plants | 4. People in Parklands |
| 2. Animals | 5. Young Photographers (12 & under) |
| 3. Scenic Shots | 6. 2013 challenge: Shadows & Highlights |

Winning Entries

First, second and third place ribbons will be awarded in each category. There will also be a Best of Show to the overall winner.

Winners will be announced at **1:00pm, October 19, 2013** at the opening of the 2013 Photo Contest at the Interagency Visitor Center. First Place winners will be published in the *OUTDOORS*, our quarterly calendar of events and programs, with an average circulation of 18,000 issues.

OUTDOORS is also available at <http://www.nps.gov/samo/planyourvisit/events.htm>.

Second and Third place winners may be published in *OUTDOORS* as space permits.

Note: All entries will be on exhibit **October 19, 2013 through November 17, 2013** at the Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center at King Gillette Ranch.

Submit 9/1/13 – 9/30/13

Print Entry Form (Attach one form per print entry. Print clearly.)

Category (Check one)

- ☐ Plants
- ☐ Animals
- ☐ Scenic Shots
- ☐ People in Parklands
- ☐ Young Photographers
- ☐ Shadows & Highlights

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Site where photo was taken _____

Photo equipment used _____

Title of Entry (optional) _____

Signature _____

My signature on this form verifies that I have read and will comply with the Rules and Regulations and that I grant non-exclusive, royalty-free license to Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area/ National Park Service for the future use and modification of entries. Entries may be used in (but not limited to) print and electronic media and for other park promotions (with credit).

Rules & Regulations

- Amateur photographers only.
- Paid employees of the National Park Service are excluded from contest participation.
- Digital and film prints are acceptable.
- Photos can be taken on federal, state, county, city, or other public agency property, so long as the photo is taken within the **Santa Monica Mountains Zone** which includes the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and associated watersheds and canyons. A map and description is available online at: www.nps.gov/samo/photocontest.htm
- Demonstrate good stewardship of the mountains by entering photos that depict approved visitor use and park resource protection per administering agency regulations.
- Winning photos that will be published in *OUTDOORS* may need to be cropped to fit or shown as a detail. Winners will be asked to submit their digital file or film for use in *OUTDOORS*.
- If people are visible in winning photos, the photographer will need to have releases from those people before the photo can be published in *OUTDOORS*. Photo release forms available at: www.nps.gov/samo/photocontest.htm
Note: If a private house or building is clearly identifiable in a photo, it too needs to have a release from the owner before publication.
- In the event of limited entries in a particular category, the number of winners will be reduced. Photographers are limited to one win per category.
- We are not responsible for mailed entries that are lost or damaged in transit.
- We will make every possible effort to safeguard the prints, but we can not be responsible in case of natural disaster or other unforeseen events.
- Photographers must be 12 years of age or under in order to be eligible to submit in the Young Photographers category.

Submission Format for Prints

- Submit entry as a matted print. Prints (excluding mat) cannot be larger than 11" x 17" or smaller than 7" x 8".
- A matted print means that your photo should have a surrounding paper border, a window mat, or be mounted on stiff board. The photo itself may be a glossy or matte finish. If using self-positioning photomats, the front of the mat should have no sticky residue. *Please do not use frames, glass, or plastic covers.*
- BE AWARE that we will attach Velcro® to the back of your entry so it adheres to our fabric-covered panels for the exhibit. (We will supply the Velcro®.)
- Names should not be visible on front side of prints.
- One entry form PER PRINT. We will assign an identification number to each print and separate prints and forms for the judging.
- Photographers can submit 2 entries in the same category but can only win one prize per category; There is a **LIMIT OF 2 ENTRIES** total for the entire contest.
- Submit entries in person or by mail between **September 1 through September 30, 2013** at the Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center, 26876 Mulholland Hwy, Calabasas, CA, 91302. Attention: Photo Contest. *Mailed entries must be received by September 30, 2013.*

Print Return

Entries can be picked up at the Visitor Center from **November 18, 2013 through November 30, 2013**.
Note: Any entry not picked up by December 1, 2013 becomes the property of the National Park Service.

Announcement of Winners

Winners announced and awards given at the exhibit opening on **Saturday, October 19, 2013 at 1:00pm**.

Exhibit Dates

Entries will be exhibited for 4 weeks at the Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center, 26876 Mulholland Highway, Calabasas, CA. The exhibit opens on **October 19, 2013 and closes November 17, 2013**.



Questions:

Interagency

Visitor Center

(open 9am to 5pm daily)
805-370-2301